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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Date: 09/01/2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 06/15/2005, please amend the above-identified application and reconsider the patentability of the invention in light of the arguments and amendments presented. Applicants submit the following in complete response thereto.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge **Deposit Account # 19-0131** for any necessary fees regarding this Reply, including \$200.00 for one additional independent claim.

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